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MARGINAL COLUMN By ERIC MINDLIN

ASIDE from the problem of preventing a nuclear war, the most pressing question facing us today is the fate of the so-called "uncommitted" nations of the world. On which Western thinking has been quite nebulous of late, while the Russians have always been clear about their aims, and quite forceful about their methods, whether involving direct intervention or long-range gradual subversion. In the last issue of the "Spectator" it was depressing to read the "Middle East Notebook" of Mr. Ian Gilmour, the editor of the magazine, for he just about threw in the sponge.

NOW the "Spectator" is a notably hard-headed weekly, usually talking sense, and fairly consistently sound further to the left. In these places, however, Mr. Gilmour seems ready to let the Middle East, which he just visited, go by default to the other side. In his survey of the region, he can only envisage a re-ignited Arab war, or to British interests as long as possible, and thinks that one or the other of the Arab federations is bound to take over, or at least to state. To maintain Western (or more specifically, British) influence in the region as long as possible, one should act towards the Arabs in a Western electorate, that is, courting and cajoling them, since "the way to win an election is to please the voters, not to make the voters please you." Yet elsewhere he understands that "even when the Arabs are running things, they still solve their problems by force."

As for us, continuing the election campaign, "Israel, like the Algerian war, is a heavy vote-loser for the West and an enormous advantage to Russia." Thus, "it is fully understood that a federation of the whole Arab world would certainly demand some concessions from Israel, probably the abolition of the State and substitution of local autonomy" (the autonomy of ruins and rubble, Mr. Gilmour might have added) be made on the part of Israel, and the removal of the sense of injustice felt by the Arabs. Israel would be asked to make a gesture of strength and of her own volition.

WHAT are not addressed by the fact that this advice is so totally and ridiculously unacceptable, for this is not the first time we have been asked to consider such a quickly and conveniently — and the advice may even come from someone who is not intrinsically hostile to (to judge by the tone) but thinks he is merely warning of the storms being brewed by the cyclone of revolution. What is so about Mr. Gilmour's reflections is the total misreading of the Arab temper and of Arab politics, as well as the defeatism of surrendering the region to the rival unions, which means to Soviet subversion, and an eventual take-over.

INCONSISTENCY in policy can often be anonymous with flexibility and maneuverability, but an anonymous compromise with equal opportunity, or even facilitate the loss of the Middle East, while holding on to Malta and Cyprus, West Bank and Formosa, is not particularly distinguished by logic or intelligence. Western reliance on aid programmes alone in Asia is probably a more serious course of conduct. How to combine respect for local sensibilities and autonomy with forceful preservation and pursuit of obvious Western interests is the problem facing the West today. It calls for a complete re-thinking of aims, policies, and methods, and a switch to vital activity in place of the passive indecision that now passes for policy in the West. It is hard to see, however, what policy, initiative and leadership are to come from London, May 11.

JAPAN-CHINA Trade Relations Disrupted
TOKYO, Sunday (Reuters). — Trade relations between China and Japan have been completely disrupted by the collapse of the steel talks, broken off by the Chinese delegation. Japanese businessmen today said the iron and steel industry faced tremendous losses and it was feared many other small industries faced bankruptcy. The talks, which dealt with final details of a five-year \$500 million trade agreement signed in Peking in February, were broken off yesterday on instructions from Peking.

COMMUNIST LEADER EXECUTED IN PERSIA
TEHRAN, Sunday (Reuters). — An army firing squad today executed a Communist leader, Captain Khosroo Heshmati, who has been sentenced to death for "treason, espionage and murdering former colleagues" who separated from the Communist Party.

National Company To Prospect for Oil

Jerusalem Post Reporter
The establishment of a national company to raise money for oil prospecting was approved by the Cabinet yesterday. The public will be invited to subscribe to stock in the company, which will be named the Israel Oil Company.

Of this, IL20m. will be in the form of registered stock, and IL10m. as bearer stock. At a later stage it is also planned to float a IL10m. bond issue, the exact terms of which have not yet been decided. The Government will subscribe to IL20m. worth of stock, which will enable it to begin.

The intention is that the company shall be a public one. However, until public subscriptions amount to IL25m. in common stock and IL5m. in bonds, decisions will be made by the management. Dr. Forer, the chairman of the board, and Mr. Nahum Shatzman, its managing director.

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The committee is to begin work immediately. Its report will be submitted to the Minister of Justice.

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Bunche Opens Amman Talks With Rifai

Post Diplomatic Correspondent
Dr. Ralph Bunche, the Under-Secretary General of the U.N., spent yesterday in Amman in conversation with Foreign Minister Samir Rifai on matters concerning Jordan-Israel relations.

A communique, issued in Amman after the first day of meeting said "friendly discussions" had been of great benefit to matters relating to the Mount Scopus demilitarized zone.

Dr. Bunche had flown from Beirut straight to Amman, and drove directly to the Jordan royal palace. Dr. Bunche's itinerary is taken in Jerusalem to indicate that his business is mainly with the Jordan Government. Indeed, in Israeli circles yesterday the hope was expressed that the visit may indicate realization by the U.N. that the situation on the Jordan frontier has deteriorated lately.

Jordan's desire to impress the Arab world with its hostility to Israel has led to a number of irresponsible actions, the latest of which was the arbitrary attempt to exclude two Israelis from the Mount Scopus convoy last week. This atmosphere, it is felt, might lead to more serious incidents, and it is possible for this reason that Dr. Bunche is paying his surprise visit.

Brief Visit
The Nobel Prize winner (for his successful Rhodes armistice negotiations in 1949) will be in the area for a very brief time, and is expected to see Prime Minister Ben-Gurion today.

Mr. Bunche's visit to Amman is part of a tour of the Arab East, but at the same time the Secretary-General is holding a first-hand on the activities of his emissaries and no decisive steps are likely to be taken by them until his approval is secured. Dr. Bunche's trip may help create a more relaxed atmosphere in which the agreement already reached on Mount Scopus can be implemented in full and to "bribe" the convoys to Mt. Scopus so that they move unimpeded.

There had been no Israel contact with Dr. Bunche until last night, beyond the official notification of his presence in the area.

Hussein and Faisal To Confer Today
AMMAN, Sunday (Reuters). — King Hussein of Jordan and King Faisal of Iraq are expected to meet today in Amman to discuss the future of the Arab Union.

Faisal and Hussein, ruler, Sheikh Abdullah al-Sabah, conferred for more than an hour this morning about Kuwait's possible future adherence to the Arab League. No details of the discussion were disclosed but further meetings were expected.

Karamanlis Group Leads Greek Poll
ATHENS, Sunday (Reuters). — First results in the Greek elections today give the National Radical Union Party of outgoing Premier Constantine Karamanlis a clear lead.

Fifteen Radical deputies joined the opposition over the Government bill to order the election of a new President. The bill, which would lead to the election of a new President, was rejected by a vote of 15 to 1.

Yugoslavs Said 'Shaken' By Soviet Move Towards Rift
BELGRADE, Sunday (Reuters). — Relations between the Soviet Union and Yugoslavia took a sharp turn for the worse today as the Kremlin formally called off a 10-day visit to this country by the Soviet President, Marshal Kliment Voroshilov.

Usually reliable sources said the Yugoslav leaders were "severely shaken" by the latest Soviet move. They now realize that their faith in Mr. Nikita Khrushchev, the Soviet Prime Minister, and Communist Party chief, was misplaced.

Mr. Khrushchev staked his reputation in Yugoslavia on a policy of making friends with President Tito and the Yugoslav Communist Party leaders. He came to Belgrade in 1955 on a "Let's bury the hatchet" visit.

In future, the sources said, Yugoslavia is unlikely to place any confidence in pretensions of friendship from the Kremlin.

With the abandonment of the trip, the Moscow-Belgrade dispute over Marxist ideology which started three weeks ago has developed into a serious crisis in inter-state relations. In the view of the Yugoslav press, the whole world is feeling that the clock has been turned back. Yugoslavs are recalling the seven years of isolation and economic blockade imposed on Yugoslavia by the Soviet bloc.



Jakarta Troops Make New Landing East of Celebes

JAKARTA, Sunday (UP). — Indonesian government troops have launched a bold attack into the heart of the rebels' main area of operation, it was announced today.

The rebels, who had been moving into that new area of operations, had announced the capture of airstrips at three points in the Halmahera.

The spokesman said the landing was aimed to rid the island group of the rebels who after the defeat at Sumatra, shifted their scene of operations to far-flung areas.

Turning to charges of foreign intervention, the spokesman quoted an intelligence report as saying rebel troops were transported in a ship "under the Dutch flag." The same report quoted an agent as saying he saw two Formosa colonels in Manado.

Brand new arms captured in the Halmahera operation included an automatic pistol, a mortar and a jungle rifle stamped "made in the U.S." according to Pirngadie.

3 Beheaded In Yemen for Plot
Three persons have been publicly beheaded in Sana'a, the Yemeni capital, for having been allegedly involved in an attempt to stage a coup against Imam Ahmed, the Arab News Agency reported yesterday.

It also said that several Yemeni staff officers were detained after the plot was foiled. The Imam was also reported to have ordered the execution of six Egyptians for "activities against the interests of the country."

The operation of several foreign oil drilling and development projects in the area was suspended, the report added.

Reuter reported from Aden that a search operation on Jebel Jinaf today resulted in the killing of three out of 18 rebels who had fired on a police station.

Aden police are also investigating an explosion which rocked an unarmored electric power station last night. There were no casualties.

Emir Abdullah bin Mohsin, ruler of the Aden Protectorate, Sheikhdom of Ruqai, arrived in London for official talks with the British Government. He is a long-standing ally of Britain and supplies many of the levies now stationed on the Yemeni border.

Retaliation to Continue, Algerian Rebels Warn
TUNIS, Sunday (Reuters). — The Neo-Destour Party newspaper "Action" today quoted the Algerian insurgent leadership as saying that it would reply "blow for blow" to French executions of insurgents.

"Action" said it had asked "Algerian leaders" for comment on their execution, announced yesterday, of three French soldiers, and quoted the leaders as saying, "The execution of Algerian patriots continues. We will only respect the rule of war if our adversaries do the same."

In Paris today, the Government denounced the killing of the three French soldiers as "an odious crime." A statement issued today by the Prime Minister's Office said the insurgents' actions were "a barbaric and cowardly crime, rape and assassination... is a lie and an insult to their honor."

Soviets Accept U.S. Bid For Study of Test Ban

Six Killed in Third Day Of Rioting in North Lebanon
But Khrushchev Leery of Success

MOSCOW, Sunday (Reuters). — Mr. Nikita Khrushchev has told President Eisenhower that Russia is ready for experts to study technical details for controlling the carrying out of an agreement to stop nuclear tests, TASS said tonight.

The statement was made in a letter delivered in Washington last week, in reply to an American proposal for such a meeting of experts. Mr. Khrushchev said, however, that the Soviet Union has "serious doubts" about such studies.

The message in reply to one from President Eisenhower on April 28 expressed regret at the fact that the President's message did not answer the previous Soviet appeal about ending nuclear tests.

But it added, "Since the President regarded as very important the work of experts in studying technical details pertaining to the control over prospects for a summit conference ending nuclear tests, the USSR, in spite of its doubts, is prepared to try out that way as well."

Urges Speed
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Egypt May Receive 'Modest' U.S. Aid
COPENHAGEN, Sunday (UP). — The U.S. has denied rumors that it will revive its multi-million dollar aid offer to finance the Aswan Dam project in Egypt.

Authoritative diplomatic sources at the Copenhagen NATO meeting last week said the U.S. considers still valid the reasons which led it to withdraw the offer two years ago.

But assistance on a more modest scale, "as the case may be," was said to be under consideration by the U.S. Administration as a result of slowly improving relations with Nasser's United Arab Republic.

The signs which emerged from discussions here were that the U.S. and her allies do not intend to compete with the Soviets in an all-out campaign to "buy off" Middle Eastern sympathies. But what was described as a loosening of rigidity toward the U.A.R. was studied.

Cairo Said Rejecting Soviet Bloc Loans
CAIRO, Sunday. — Soviet bloc countries have offered loans to the United Arab Republic but the U.A.R. is not inclined to take them on their terms, an official source said today.

He said Hungary had offered \$200 million, Czechoslovakia \$150 million, and Poland was still considering the exact amount of its offer. The source added the U.A.R. authorities are not presently inclined to take any more loans unless they are sorely needed for industrialization.

The source also said that Britain has formally proposed a loan to the U.A.R. for the Anglo-Egyptian talks. He added the date of the new talks would be fixed at the end of the month, after Abdul Nasser's return from Moscow. The talks would resume where they left off, he said, namely with Egypt's insistence that Egypt has the right to seize Britain's Suez base as war booty, and that Britain should pay reparations for the Suez invasion.

TASS reported from Moscow that Abdul Nasser and his party today left Leningrad by plane for Stalingrad.

"OSE" Association in Israel
invites all friends to its CONVENTION
The opening will take place at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, May 14, at Beit Sokolov, 4 Rehov Hakirya, Tel Aviv.
ON THURSDAY, MAY 15, a meeting will be held from 9.30 a.m. to 3 p.m., during which several lectures will be delivered and a report on the activities of "OSE" in Israel will be read.
At 5 p.m., a Reception will be given by the wife of the President, Mrs. Rachel Ben-Zvi Yanait, at the President's residence in Jerusalem.

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Social & Personal

The President yesterday received Messrs. W. J. Hanes and A. E. Williams of the American Petroleum Company of Brooklyn, N.Y.

Foreign Minister Mrs. Golda Meir has received a cable of thanks from the Colombian Foreign Minister for the warm welcome accorded the visiting Colombian delegation to the Tenth Anniversary celebrations.

Mrs. Krishna Nehru, Indian Minister on a visit here, as a guest of the Government, was on Friday received by the Minister for Religious Affairs, Mr. Haim Moshe Shapira. On Saturday, Mrs. Nehru was received by Mr. Moshe Shapira, M.K. at his home in Jerusalem.

Mr. E. Vinesch, President of the National Jewish Organization and the local Jewish National Appeal of Uruguay, and Mrs. Vinesch yesterday presented to Mr. P. Sapir, Minister of Commerce and Industry, two certificates of inscription in the Jewish National Fund's Golden Book. One was from the Jewish Organizations of Montevideo and the other from the Palestine Uruguay Bursar on the occasion of his visit to Uruguay last year.

The British Ambassador, Sir Francis Russell, visited the Bar Ilan University and was welcomed by the Acting Director General and members of the secretariat and administrative staff.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Netter of Boston were entertained for lunch by the Head of the Youth Aliyah Department and Mrs. Kol on Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Kol also gave a reception in their home in honour of Mrs. Krishna Nehru, Minister of Commerce and Industry, who was in Jerusalem on her visit to Israel.

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Dr. Edmond Cahn, Professor of Law at New York University, will lecture on "The Bounds of Justice" under the auspices of the Hebrew University, tonight, at 8.30, in the Rabinovich Building.

Dr. R. Grynberg, Director of the Rabinovich Hospital in Haifa, will address the Kishon Rotary Club at 1 p.m. today at Ahava Children's Home in Kiryat Bialik, on "Problems of Hospitalization."

Tourists from America and Canada are cordially invited to an "Open House" and General Meeting of the Tel Aviv Branch of the Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel tonight at 8.30 at Beit Hamin, Tel Aviv. The programme will feature a Question Hour by tourists and refreshments.

Israel's Tokyo Team Enter Rest Camp

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The 17 footballers and two athletes who are to represent Israel at the Asian Games opening in Tokyo on May 24, today entered a special training and rest camp at Sharmayim, north of Hordiyon.

The group will remain there until next Monday, when they are scheduled to fly to Japan.

Toy Fund Outing For 331 at Circus

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Enjoying a thrill that comes only in a lifetime, 331 children from Jerusalem and surrounding settlements yesterday spent the afternoon happily "looking" and "seeing" at the Medrano Circus.

All were pupils of the fourth form — about ten years old — and included 50 Jerusalem children from various Ministry of Welfare institutions, who joined them at the entrance to the circus.

The youngsters were in high spirits from the moment they entered the Medrano circus. The cooperative had generously donated the use of four new buses to bring the children from the District Schools of Ness Harim, Noham and the Caesarea, and to take them back to their settlements, after the show.

All of the children, as far as could be discovered, were seeing their first circus. Few of their parents, even those who ever since since circuses rarely reach North Africa, the former home of most of them. Most of the children living as they do in border settlements, also have little opportunity of seeing any entertainment on a professional level.

The outing was arranged by The Jerusalem Post Fund, which is sponsoring a fund-raising campaign in the traditional manner, the youngsters were presented by the Toy Fund with packets of peanuts and sunflower seeds.

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Visitors' Gallery: ADINA KATZOFF

Two Tongues for Tots

For a child of pre-school age, the sound of a foreign language is more important than vocabulary or grammar. The latter two he can pick up later in life, but while his vocal chords are flexible he should be exposed to as many sounds as possible.

On this premise, Adina Katzoff, who was born in the Old City of Jerusalem but was taken as a girl to the U.S. 20 years ago, has established 30 Hebrew nursery schools in Chicago. Miss Katzoff has been in the U.S. for 20 years, and has established 30 Hebrew nursery schools in Chicago. Miss Katzoff has been in the U.S. for 20 years, and has established 30 Hebrew nursery schools in Chicago.

Today, Mrs. Katzoff has 700 children in nursery schools and 12 Israeli teachers on her staff. She is in charge of nursery and kindergarten education for the Board of Jewish Education, and is President of the Association of Nursery Schools, of which there are 500 in Chicago. She has a Master's Degree from Roosevelt University, and studied at the University of Chicago.

In her kindergartens children hear both English and Hebrew. Mrs. Katzoff said that children have an amazing knack of identifying a language with a person or situation. They know when to speak Hebrew and when to speak English. At this early age they also become emotionally attached to a language which paves the way for their later learning.

The attachment to a language made before the child becomes involved in groups outside the home. In his play groups he will speak the language of the group in order to be accepted. Mrs. Katzoff said that when Israeli children arrive in America they frequently stop speaking Hebrew in the home.

Ironically enough, Mrs. Katzoff kept her two American-born sons out of nursery school in order to assure herself that they would know perfect Hebrew which was spoken at home. One of her sons is now studying at Bar-Ilan University.

Trained by the fact that her methods in teaching Hebrew might not be the most modern she left Chicago recently to visit her mother in Israel.

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The Weather

FORECAST: Fair. Weather generally: A high pressure area extending from the Central Mediterranean to Israel is causing fair weather in this area.

	A	B	C	D
Jerusalem	61	58	55	54
Tel Aviv	60	57	54	53
Haifa	59	56	53	52
Beersheva	58	55	52	51
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* A Humidity at 3 p.m. B Minimum temperature. C Maximum temperature. D Maximum wind speed expected today.

ARRIVALS

Mr. Harold Lever, M.P. for Chorlton Division of Manchester, for a visit as guest of the Government.

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DEPARTURES

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The funeral will leave today, May 12, 1958,
from Dnieper Hospital, 11 Rehov Grunberg,
Tel Aviv, at 2:15 p.m.
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15 Rehov Dageim,
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Tax Secret Service, 'Shin Alef', to Be Dissolved

Jerusalem Post Reporter
The "Shin Alef," the secret information service of the Inland Revenue Commission, will be dissolved and reconstituted as a section of the Commission's legal department, it was reliably learnt in Jerusalem yesterday.

The decision to dissolve the secret service came as a result of bitter public criticism, and is part of a general reorganization now being carried out in the Income Tax department.

The new section, as part of the Commission's legal department, will be responsible for preparing the Commission's files for court action by collecting evidence and cross-checking income statements. It is understood that the decision to dissolve the Shin Alef was made possible after it had paved the way for a permanent and regular flow of information. It is reported that the income tax authorities are now relying mainly on cross-checking the payrolls of Government and public bodies in fixing the payers' tax estimates. The new section will also take any other inspection duties in the same similar duties in the other Governmental departments.

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Some 80 devout Jews, men and women, away in prayer chanting psalms in antiphony with the cantor, in the small and ancient vaulted synagogue in Beit Ha'edot on the Mount Ten came to mark the 10 years which elapsed after the fall of the Old City, and by representatives of the Chief Rabbinate, a former rabbi of the Old City, another former resident whose son fell defending the Old City, and by representatives of the Golem who were present.

A message from the Rabbinate was read out by Dr. S. Z. Chabaz, Director-General of the Ministry of Religious Affairs, calling on the populace to meditate on the fate of the Holy City and to pray for its redemption.

After the reciting of the Masei Rahamim for the defenders who fell, the names were called out of the 53 synagogues and the names of the Jews who were in existence in the Old City at the time of the surrender, and most of which have since been desecrated.

A boy choir sang liturgical songs of both sorrow and jubilation.

After the ceremony, the assembly went up onto the rooftop of the post to gaze at the Old City and to look in the direction of the Walling Wall.

Since the 19th of Iyar, the date of the anniversary, fell on a Friday this year, the ceremony was held two days later.

Central Rabbinical Library Opened

The Mordecai and Rivka Pollack Central Rabbinical Library was inaugurated yesterday in Hechal Shalom in Jerusalem. The library was opened by Mr. and Mrs. Pollack, Chief Rabbi L.H. Herzog, the Minister for Religious Affairs, Mr. Haim Moshe Shapiro, the Deputy Minister, Mr. Z. Warhaftig, the President of the Hebrew University, Prof. Binjamin Mazar, and many guests from Israel and abroad.

Mr. Pollack, who donated IL50,000 for the establishment of the library, announced on the occasion of its inauguration that he was donating an additional IL25,000 to the library and to its upkeep in the future.

AN UNIDENTIFIED animal, believed to be a member of the porcupine family, was caught by children in the old cemetery at Safad on Saturday.

Pro-Jerusalem Societies Wanted to Revivify City

Jerusalem Post Reporter
The establishment of dozens of "Friends of Jerusalem" societies abroad to pour new life into the capital was proposed by Councillor Aryeh Altman, Herut M.K., at a recent meeting of the Jerusalem Municipality's Development, Economic and Tourism Committee of which he is chairman.

These societies, Dr. Altman said, would be patterned after the "Friends of the American University" (or Technion) which are active today with the most favourable financial results. The centre of these societies would be in Jerusalem.

Dr. Altman proposed building a "splendid world synagogue" in Jerusalem to attract thousands of religious persons.

Boys would come from throughout the nation, and even abroad, to hold their bar-mitzva ceremonies here. Another plan is for the Jewish Communities in each country to build in Jerusalem a centre depicting their cultural and other attainments. These buildings, which would bring an upsurge in the number of beautiful buildings in Jerusalem, would be somewhat like the Z.O.A. House in Tel Aviv.

These societies would also raise the money to build a giant museum which would give expression to the "4,000 years of history of the Jewish People from the Bible to the present," and political aspects. Every chapter in history would be described in fitting terms as the Jews, and non-Jews, would be able to visualize the greatness of the Jewish People.

Every year these societies would arrange for mass pilgrimages to Jerusalem of persons who had lost their friends and relatives in the holocaust. In addition, they would establish various boarding schools to which Jewish families could send their children for a Jewish education.

Deputy Mayor M. Ish-Shalom, who approved the plan in principle, added the proviso that the management of these societies would not engage in fund drives.

Fishermen Turn To Red Sea, Atlantic

Jerusalem Post Bureau
HAIFA, Sunday. — An Italian trawler which was chartered for research and experimental fishing in the Red Sea has now been purchased for Israel. It was learned today that the experiments were highly successful, showing the Red Sea to be rich in fish.

The 200 h.p. boat, which has a crew of six, four of whom are regular fishing operations in the southern waters. It is fitted with an echo sounder, radio telephone and cold storage facilities. A second trawler will probably be put into service shortly.

The Fisheries Department is also planning to send Israeli trawlers to fish in the rich waters off West Africa and the Canary Islands. The request for a permit to fish in the Red Sea is being handled by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The Ministry of Justice has instructed all district prosecutors to expedite the bringing to court of all cases dealing with complaints of tourists about profiteering.

Special arrangements have been made with the Courts to grant such cases priority hearings, so that tourists can appear and testify before leaving the country.

The prosecutors are to demand the heaviest punishment for those who violate the law. The Ministry has also asked all prosecutors to appeal against the leniency of punishment recently handed down by courts on persons in public positions who have been found guilty of the mismanagement of funds.

Herut Renames Street

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Herut has decided on its own initiative to rename Rehov Yehoshua Zvi, a street in the Rehov HaNezivim area, after the late Yehoshua Zvi, a prominent Zionist leader.

Yehoshua Zvi, who died in 1955, was a prominent Zionist leader and a member of the Executive Council of the Jewish Agency for Israel. He was also a member of the Knesset.

Mr. Schechter further protested that, in spite of Mr. Schechterman's assurances to problems of the management committee, the Municipal Council would be convened to discuss Dr. Litvinov's resignation from the post of Deputy Director, no steps in that direction have been taken as yet.

Mr. Schechterman countered the criticism, by his statement that work was continuing undisturbed at the hospital.

NEW IMMIGRANTS WANT TO LEAVE ADULAM

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Fifteen immigrant families from Persia, now living in Adulam 12, yesterday staged a sit-down strike with their acres of children in the Jewish Agency Head Offices in Jerusalem.

The settlers, in Israel a month and none of them speaking Hebrew, arrived in the morning and squatted on the pavement under a awning against the sun made of blankets tied to the building's railings.

They complained of the poor services at their new moahav, claiming that the cooperative store was open only for a week and that bread was delivered only twice weekly. Asked whether they would be content to remain in Adulam 12 were the services improved, representatives declared vehemently that they wished to leave anyway. They pointed to the danger from the nearby border, saying that "lights had to be put out after 6 p.m." They did not mind settling in a shanty, they said, but wanted to be near places like Beersheva, or Migdal Ashkelon.

The demonstrators were told by a Jewish Agency official to turn to the Hill Region settlement office. They left towards evening.

KFAR MORDECHAI

The Settlement of Jews from Britain with its own swimming pool, invites schoolchildren from 12-16 years of age to its SIXTH ANNUAL SUMMER SCHOOL.

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Sarah Herzog Forest Planted Near J'lem

Jerusalem Post Reporter
The Tenth Anniversary Year gave the country another forest, this time the Sarah Herzog Forest, dedicated yesterday in the name of the wife of the Chief Rabbi, on a hill near Beit Shimon in the Jerusalem Corridor. The forest was donated in her honour by the Mirah Women's Organization of Gt. Britain and Ireland.

Several hundred persons from many parts of the country saw the planting of the first 10,000 saplings. Mrs. Herzog was described as the "ideal of Jewish womanhood" by Mrs. Hanna Landman, president of the donor organization and wife of the British Chief Rabbi, Mrs. Brodie, as did other speakers. Mrs. Herzog's home being an open house to all guests in true Jewish tradition.

The Minister for Religious Affairs, Mr. Haim Moshe Shapiro, called Mrs. Herzog a leader of the country. In this vein, speeches were delivered by Mrs. Hanna Landman, executive member of the Omen Mirah Women's Organization in Israel, and by Mrs. A. Granot, for Hanaah and Dr. J. Weinstein, for the J.N.F.

Mrs. Herzog, responding, declared that she was happy to be associated in such a personal way with the afforestation of the barren Judean Hills. Among those planting first saplings was Mr. Yitzhak Nisim.

U.S. Brewers Donate To Israel Science

A \$1,000 cheque and an illuminated scroll were presented to the President yesterday by the F. & M. Schaefer Brewing Co. of New York City, by two representatives of the firm, Mr. W.J. Hansman, public relations manager, and Mr. Al Wollman, his associate. Later in the day the Schaefer men handed over a contribution of \$1,000 to Mr. Meyer Weisgal, Chairman of the Executive Council of the Weismann Institute of Science.

The contributions were given for scientific research in a manner to be chosen by the recipients. In accepting the cheque at Beit Hanassi, Mr. Herzog said that the money would be turned over to the Ben-Zvi Institute for scholarships and research in the field of Jewish immigration from Oriental countries.

Last week, the Jewish representatives contributed IL1,000 for the underprivileged youth sponsored by the Tel Aviv-Jaffa Rotary Club.

These contributions are in continuation of a policy of the Schaefer Brewing Co., one of America's largest in supporting Israel cultural and scientific activities. The company has also been shown in Israel which have been shown in the U.S. for the past seven years.

Soviet M.P. Cables Nurock on A-Tests

Dr. M. Nurock, M.K., Chairman of the Israel branch of the International Zionist Union, has received a message from the Chairman of the Union in the Soviet Union, informing him of the decision of the Supreme Soviet calling for the cessation of all nuclear weapons tests, and announcing the Soviet Union's unilateral stopping of its tests.

A similar message was recently sent by Premier Nikita Khrushchev to the Prime Minister Ben-Gurion.

75 ISRAELIS TO MAKE LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

A group of some 75 Israel Christian Arabs are to make the pilgrimage to Lourdes for the centenary of the Lourdes Miracle now being organized by Archbishop Georges Hakim, Head of the Greek Catholic Community in Israel.

CRUISER. — The keel of the 6,000-ton Andrea Doria, the first cruiser to be built for the Italian Navy since the War, was laid yesterday at the Riva Trigoso shipyards near La Spezia.

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Prof. Protests Spoils System, Quits Civil Service Committee

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Citing political appointments as the reason, Prof. Avraham Halevi Frankel has resigned as a public representative on the Public Committee on Civil Service Examinations. It was learned yesterday.

Prof. Frankel, Chairman of the Mathematics Department at the Hebrew University, said in his letter of resignation, sent a fortnight ago, that contraventions of civil service regulations had occurred mainly in the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Education.

The "straw that broke the camel's back" was the appointment by the Minister of Education without competitive examination of Mrs. Haya Zippin, as Director of the Nurses Department in the Ministry. Last November, Prof. Frankel submitted his resignation but agreed to the request of the Prime Minister that he continue to serve until the passage of the Civil Service Law. (The draft law has not yet been submitted to the Government by the Knesset.)

Prof. Frankel claimed that there have been over a dozen cases where Ministers have appointed members to these two Ministries without competitive examination. Justice Wilton Concor Supreme Court Justice Alfred Wilton, a second public representative on the committee, agreed with Prof. Frankel's criticism, saying that "the committee has long since ceased to exist."

Herut Version Of Merger's Failure

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The Herut version of the events which led to the collapse of their talks with the General Zionists was today given to the press by Mr. M. Begin, Dr. Y. Bader and Mr. A. Ben-Eliezer.

They claimed that one of the main disagreements which cooled Herut's ardour for the proposed merger was the proposed reduction of the number of seats for the General Zionists in the Knesset. Judging by the applause it appeared that they were pleasantly surprised.

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15 Settlements To Observe Shemita

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Speakers at the meeting stressed the positive aspect of a complete abstinence from working the land in accordance with the dictates of the biblical shemita, as opposed to the practice of shemita which only obey the letter of the law by "selling" the land to a non-Jew and continuing to work it during the Sabbath year.

The Polesi Agudat settlements will expand their hydroponic crops only which they have been experimenting in the past in preparation for the shemita. They will also send many of their members to work in agricultural jobs, for the creation of which a special fund will be placed at their disposal. It was also learned that the Jewish Agency Settlement Department had agreed to advance payment of the settlement budgets of the settlements observing the shemita.

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Race Towards Annihilation

By Philip Danks

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The power of the explosion is 25 times without increasing its radioactivity. In other words — and this is simple arithmetic — if the whole world produced nuclear weapons, the material is used to produce hydrogen bombs, enough could be made in one year to have an explosion equal to around 20,000 atomic bombs. This is the equivalent of between 700,000 and one million Hiroshimas.

And this is not all. The hydrogen bombs we have been discussing are the so-called clean ones. If they were made dirty by being given another jacket of ordinary explosive material (not the rare bomb stuff) or cobalt or cesium, the explosion would become more efficient — more atoms of the fission core would be split and more atoms of the hydrogen jacket would be fused — and the whole process would require a new dimension of deadliness. It would kill through radioactivity.

A year's production devoted entirely to making dirty bombs — and Senator J. William Fulbright of the U.S. Senate's Congressional Atomic Energy Committee says the military here are still making dirty bombs — would be enough to obliterate through blast and radioactivity between 20,000 and 30,000,000 square kilometers. The area of the U.S. and Russia together is 20,000,000 square kilometers. Russia may be assumed to be producing an amount of fissionable material as fast as she can. The Governments in Washington and Moscow certainly are not annihilating one another's country completely. Why, then, do these two countries continue producing the stuff?

Baby Sized Bombs

PART of the answer is the answer to the question of baby-sized bombs and their wasteful use of fissionable material: five kilograms of fissionable material is enough to trigger a clean hydrogen bomb which will explode with a force of between 700 and 1,000 kilotons of TNT — a kiloton is 1,000 tons. The same amount of fissionable material if used in a straight-forward atomic bomb (a fission bomb, not a fusion bomb) would explode with a force of between 20 and 40 kilotons. If every atom in that five kilograms were split in the explosion, the force released would equal 50 kilotons of TNT. But the U.S. has succeeded only in splitting between one-third and four-ninths of the atoms in a fission explosion today.

Technically this is a great improvement on the Hiroshima days. For an explosion smaller than 30 to 40 kilotons, it is still necessary to use five kilograms of fissionable material. This material does not explode unless there is a specific amount of it. This article, for the purposes of this article, can be said to be five kilos. The size of an explosion is reduced not by re-

ducing the amount of nuclear explosive but by reducing the efficiency of the explosion. In other words, instead of causing one-third to four-ninths of the atoms in the critical mass to fission or split, one-tenth or, say, one-fifth is split. To achieve the efficient explosion which makes the possibility of fissionable material yield 30 or 40 kilotons of explosive fission by splitting one-third to four-ninths of the atoms in the charge heavy and complicated triggering devices are needed.

Less Efficient
With less complicated and less heavy devices, the explosion is less efficient, less atoms are split, and therefore the explosive yield is lowered. This is the principle on which the so-called tactical nuclear weapons. The explosion can be made smaller by being made less and less efficient. This process has now been pushed to the stage where the explosive power is measured in fractions of a kiloton. These explosions are, in other words, equivalent only to a few hundred tons of TNT.

These "tactical" nuclear weapons are all the rage in military circles. With a half-kiloton explosion from a weapon that can be fired by a rocket that every mobile battery can carry across continents, as many divisions can be made to make tactical nuclear weapons that could be used — allowing for very inaccurate aiming — in any war which could be considered limited. And it is assumed that if the U.S. produced 200,000 pounds of fissionable material in the past 12 months, it has produced at least three times as much again in the years since production started. There is therefore enough fissionable material stockpiled for all the giant bombs and "tactical" weapons that the U.S. could possibly use.

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MILSTEIN RECITAL

SIR, WITH reference to the letter which appeared in your paper of the 8th instant referring to the Milstein Recital scheduled for the 10th in Jerusalem, we should like to state that the cancellation was due solely to the fact that no accompanist was available and certainly not because of lack of sale of tickets, which had just started and was going well.

Mr. Milstein has had Arthur Balsam as accompanist for some twenty years but the latter was not free to come to Israel now and a local pianist, Moshe Lustig, was due to accompany the violinist. Mr. Milstein was therefore unable to fulfill his engagement. For the same reason, the Tel Aviv recital scheduled for May 17 has also to be cancelled. The Jerusalem recital could not be replaced by an orchestral concert because the I.P.O. is in the

use of a vulnerable division in a "hibbing" attack but only an atomic task force. The West will by no means be sure of victory but will be fighting a type of action in which it is not inferior.

Assuming that the U.S. is producing now a small, portable half-kiloton nuclear weapon, and assuming also that each of these small weapons contains as it must, a critical mass of approximately ten pounds of fissionable material, then a year's output of fissionable material by the United States is enough to produce 20,000 of these half-kiloton weapons. The Soviet Union has 200 divisions of troops. The satellites could provide another 200 and China could add another 200 divisions, a total of 600 divisions of nine battalions each, or 5,400 battalions. The half-kiloton weapon is guaranteed to destroy a battalion and there are four times more weapons than target battalions.

Enough for War

Moreover, if the Communists are using even a quarter of its battalions, it would be considered a general war and the U.S. would use its megaton weapons, at least the ones that have been built. This one year's U.S. production of fissionable material (200,000 pounds) is more than enough to make the small tactical nuclear weapons that could be used — allowing for very inaccurate aiming — in any war which could be considered limited. And it is assumed that if the U.S. produced 200,000 pounds of fissionable material in the past 12 months, it has produced at least three times as much again in the years since production started. There is therefore enough fissionable material stockpiled for all the giant bombs and "tactical" weapons that the U.S. could possibly use.

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Readers' Letters

course of making records at the Tel Aviv Municipal Stadium. After World War II Strauss was exonerated of Nazi affiliations by a denazification court.

I believe the time has come to revise our attitude and to lift the ban.

Y. R. YARON
Tel Aviv, April 14.

QUARANTINED PETS

SIR, — On March 19, our dog, a well-cared-for Alsatian, was taken to the Animal Hospital for 10 days' observation on suspicion of rabies. At the end of that period, I went to collect the dog and my horror was confronted with a sick, injured, dirty animal, a skeleton of his former self.

I am well aware of the precaution, that the Municipality has to take in the prevention of rabies, but to allow an animal to suffer like this is cruelty, the least one can ask for is that it be fed and cared for properly even at the expense of the owner. It is now going to take many weeks of treatment to bring the poor creature back to normal.

Yours, etc.
HANNA TESTER
Jerusalem, April 2.



Yesterday's Press

End of Herut-G.Z. Talks

COMMENTING on the breakdown of talks between the General Zionists and Herut, Haaretz (General Zionist) expresses its sincere regret since it believes that this involves not only the political parties concerned but the country as a whole: the combination was meant to storm the Mapai stronghold. Deplored the prospects of mutual mud-slinging, the paper believes that though all bridges have been burnt, there is nothing to prevent the setting up of new ones.

The tenor of Haaretz's (non-party) comment is that the General Zionist reasoning on the party leadership is all wrong and concludes that the lesson to be learnt from the failure of these negotiations is that overcoming party frameworks is most difficult and that the continued split in the citizens' camp cannot benefit the State. In another 18 months, then the electoral goes to the polls, it will have to decide whether this split is to be perpetuated or whether one of the two parties which the West will now seek the line of least resistance and try to outdo Moscow in appealing the Arabs at Israel's expense.

Davar (Histadrut) denies that the Nazareth riots stem-

Dutch Visitors Sheltered Jews from Gestapo

By YAAQOV ARDON

A visitors whose names do not appear in the social columns of the newspapers are a Dutch couple, tall, blond, blue-eyed, for whom their trip to Israel was the first time. But for them, several Israeli would not have lived to celebrate the State's 10th anniversary.

Wopke Kooistra, 30, and his wife Hellette live in Utrecht today. During the Nazi occupation, they were members of the Dutch underground. Deeply religious Calvinists, they considered it their sacred duty to help the hunted Jews. In a room of 10 square metres, they did and fed eight of them, and once even ten. Neither their own three children nor their neighbours learnt of it until after the war.

Mr. Kooistra was an insurance agent when the war broke out. Ordered to turn over the premium payments of his Jewish policyholders, he refused. The insurance company had to fire him, and Mr. Kooistra was put on the list of resisters. He then became a "baker" in the social records. Less officially, he joined the resistance movement. Arms and a radio transmitter were hidden beneath his small country home.

When a resistance man had undertaken to pick up Jews at a provincial railway station and hide them with the dominister, he could keep his appointment. At a moment's notice, Kooistra went to the railway station and hid them in his own home. None but his wife knew of their presence.

Kooistra started off with three. Gradually their number grew to eight, for a

while even ten. One of them was a Christian student whom the Nazis were seeking. Feeding them without attracting attention was a fantastic and unending problem of concealment, money, supplies. Once Hellette Kooistra, six months pregnant, brought food from miles away, riding a bicycle without tyres, for those were unobtainable.

Whenever the underground warned Kooistra of an imminent search, the boarders were sent down to a subterranean hiding place. One day, while playing with his ten-year-old daughter Rommy, he received a warning that he was about to be arrested and went into hiding with the boarders. When the Nazis arrived, the girl was playing the harmonium, singing hymns. "Where is your father?" asked a Nazi. "In Germany," she answered. She kept playing and singing, replacing the text of the hymn by a running report of the search to her father. The soldiers left. It was the Kooistras' closest escape. The nightmarish hide and seek lasted three years.

The deeply religious couple honoured their faith to the point of personal sacrifice. The book Mr. Kooistra knows best is the Bible and he has a suitable quotation for every occasion. Today he is a modestly paid Government official, and he and his wife could never have afforded this trip to Israel but for the invitation of a grateful woman whose life they saved during the war.

"It warms my heart to see freedom in the eyes of the Jews here," Mr. Kooistra says in Dutch, the only language he knows. "It's music to my ears to hear them talk loud in the bus. I know elsewhere they hush their voices."

Yebekeel Gad—An Appreciation

WHEN I first met Yebekeel Gad almost a quarter of a century ago, no one could have guessed that this architect, who had developed into the outstanding architect who would later put his peculiar stamp on the architecture of Israel.

But very soon it became evident that here was a rare phenomenon — a man combining pure kindness of heart, an uncanny understanding of his fellow-men and a masterful domination of matter, form and colour.

These qualities made "Yebekeel" as he was called by his many friends, the leading personality among Israel's architects. No one knew him could, therefore, be surprised that it was given to him to create a new style in the domain of design. His honesty and his abomination of showmanship are mirrored in his works, be it ships playing the sea, hotels ap-

We, who were privileged to be with him, have suffered an irreparable loss with his death last month. J.G.

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Ta'anach Villages Come to Life

By SHIMUEL LAVI